Eagle Point Historical Society

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Special points of interest:

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- Three candidates running for three positions on Board
- Museum roof to be replaced
- Art show at the Wood House, October 1-2
- Model A car show at Wood House, October 15
- City-wide yard sale August 21

Historical Society happenings

Things continue to happen at a rapid pace at the Historical Society. Ralph McKechnie has resigned as president and Becky Geear has again stepped in to fill that spot. McKechnie cited time restrictions as the reason for his resignation.

July means it's again time for the annual election of Board members. There have been three applications for board positions. Positions #4 and 5 were scheduled for election this year. Sharon Barker resigned from position #5 earlier this year and that position has been vacant until the June board meeting when it was filled by Bill Bradshaw. Becky Geear currently holds position #4. Those two, and Elizabeth Correthers have applied for the three vacant positions. You will find bios on the three in this newsletter.

Earlier this year, the bylaws committee agreed upon an updated set of bylaws, which was then approved by the board. Now, the vote of the general membership is needed for proper ratification. You will find the by laws proposal beginning on page 2 of this newsletter. Please read these over carefully. We want to make certain that everything is very understandable.

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Wood House Events draw big crowds

Two recent events at the Wood House attracted many guests to the site, an antique tractor show and a showing of Antique Military vehicles two weeks later brought nearly 500 guests to the property. While travelers wish to see the antique vehicles, it is the house itself, that is the major attraction. There is a curiosity about the old place that makes people want to see the insides.

Two more events are scheduled for later this year, an art show the first weekend in October, and a Model A club showing two weeks later.

The art showing will feature many of the top artists from the

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Current Board Members:

Becky Geear, President
Mary Anne Miller, Secretary
Desraye Assali, Treasurer
Bill Bradshaw, Board Member
Margaret Webster, Board Member
Helen Wolgamott, Board Member

Proposed by laws

Eagle Point Historical Society

By-Laws

This organization is incorporated as a "not-for-profit" entity under the laws of the State of Oregon and is known as the Eagle Point Historical Society, Inc.

Mission: The preservation of history with a primary focus on Eagle Point, Oregon and the surrounding area.

Article I- Office

The principle office of the Eagle Point Historical Society is located at 301 No. Royal Ave., Eagle Point, Oregon, 97524.

Article II- Membership

Voting members. Members become voting members 30 days after their membership becomes effective. Voting members must be eighteen years of age (18) or older, whose dues are current, to be entitled to vote on matters that come before the general membership at the annual general membership meeting.

Membership fees to be determined at the annual meeting upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Classes of membership:

Single

Husband and wife or Couple– Each person has one vote.

Business- Designee shall have one vote.

Lifetime- Can be a membership of one person or of a husband and wife or couple. Each person is entitled to one vote.

The Board of Directors may designate other classes of membership.

Dues will come due as follows: Those joining between Jan. 1 and June 30- due Jan. 1 of the following year. Those joining between July 1 and Dec. 31 will come due July 1 of the following year.

Article III- Meetings

All meetings shall be in accord with Oregon Public Meetings laws and in accord with regulations of the State of Oregon for non-profit organizations, Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 65. Roberts Rules of Order will be the final authority for procedure.

Regular meetings- Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held once a month.

Special and/or emergency meetings--May be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Annual general membership meeting-will be held in June beginning in 2006 at a place to be determined not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Quorum-A quorum at the annual general membership meeting will be a majority of the Board of Directors and those others in attendance who are qualified to vote as outlined in Article II- Membership.

Article IV- Board of Directors

There will be seven members of the Board of Directors. They will be elected by the general membership at the annual general membership meeting. A board member must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and be entitled to vote.

Board members will be elected for three-year terms. The rotation beginning in the year 2005 shall be as follows:

Two members in 2005

Two members in 2006

Three members in 2007

Process for nomination and election: Members will be notified and an application will be available not later than 90 days prior to the annual general membership meeting of vacancies on the board of directors. The application deadline will be 60 days prior to the annual general membership meeting with members notified of the candidates not later than 30 days prior to the annual general membership meeting.

Ballots will be mailed to the membership list. Voting may be done by returning the ballot either in person at the annual general membership meeting or by mail. Those ballots that are mailed must be received by the Eagle Point Historical Society prior to the annual general membership meeting.

A board member will be dismissed for failure to attend three consecutive meetings without valid reason and without advance notice to an officer that he or she will be unable to attend.

A vacancy on the Board of Directors will be filled by the board of directors for the un-expired portion of the term.

Article V- Officers

Officers of the board of directors will consist of:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Duties of officers:

President- Shall preside at all meetings of the Eagle Point Historical Society, Inc.

Vice-President- Performs duties of president when president is absent or otherwise unable to perform the duties.

Secretary- Shall keep legible records of all meetings as part of the permanent records of the corporation and have them for members of the Board of Directors prior to each meeting. Shall be responsible for any correspondence as required and/or requested by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer- Shall be responsible for financial records. This includes making timely disbursements and deposits. Shall report the financial records to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting and at the annual general membership meeting.

Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership or board of directors, when it is

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Proposed new bylaws

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deemed to be in the best interest of the organization.

Article VI-Finance

Disbursements will be made by check with two (2) board signatures required.

The fiscal year for the corporation will end June 30 of each year.

Article VII- Committees

Committees may be appointed by the president subject to confirmation or rejection by the Board of Directors. The president is the ex-officio member of all committees. There cannot be a majority (quorum) of the board membership on any one committee.

Article VIII- Dissolution

The corporation will use its funds only to accomplish its mission and purposes as specified in the by-laws. No funds may be disbursed to the personal gain of the board or members. Should the corporation dissolve, the inventory and funds would go as designated by the Board of Directors to city of Eagle Point or a non-profit organization having tax-exempt status as designated by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Article IX- Amendments

The bylaws of the Eagle Point historical Society, Inc. may be amended at the annual general membership meeting after providing 30 days notice to the general membership.

Museum Happenings

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Medford Roofing company did such a good job on the Long Mountain Schoolhouse portion of the museum roof that the board voted to accept a $13,000 bid for the remaining portions of the roof. If you haven't yet seen the new roof, please stop by. The work was very well done and the price very competitive. The board felt this necessary because funding for the museum runs out in 2007 so major repairs need to be done now.

Museum coordinator, Virginia Cutler, could always use more volunteers to man the museum during open hours. Shifts are four hours each, and Virginia will work with anyone who desires to help. While you're at it, stop by and see some of the changes. The old TV was on its last legs and has been removed. plans are for a new TV with DVD player to have some background while the museum is open. Ralph McKechnie has been working on a "Virtual Wood House Tour" that will be playing continuously and be for sale to guests. The tour contains the history, reconstruction and present-day condition of the old house. Many historic and present day photos are contained in the presentation. Once the project is completed, it will be available for sale in one of several forms. It will be either a Power Point presentation, or a DVD movie. The CD's will be in different forms also, to accommodate different computer configurations.

Have you noticed the outside condition of the museum? Helen Wolgamott has worked countless hours planting and weeding to keep the place in top condition. She keeps fresh flowers planted to provide a color splash that is attractive to passersby. She does not work alone, others have helped with the work.

Peter Crandall has sold the Butte Creek Mill and the new owners are already working in and around the mill Bob Russell plans on opening the Ladino Cheese factory with a soda fountain and he has major plans for the renovation for the grounds around the mill, which are already in progress. Russell said he even contemplated building another period-style building between the museum and the Ladino build-

The museum grounds are looking great due to the work of Helen Wolgamott and crew. They have added much needed color.

Meet the Candidates

Bill Bradshaw, Position #4

My name is Bill Bradshaw and I was born and raised in Eagle Point. The Bradshaws are a pioneer family and have been witness to the progression in this valley. My great-great-grandfather was mayor of Medford in 1903.

I graduated from Eagle Point High School in 1958. I worked as a rancher, worked at Medco, and retired from Jackson County Road Department after 29 years and 3 months of service.

I am applying for a position on the Board of Directors because I would like to keep the history of Eagle Point alive.

Becky Geear Position #5

I am interested in running for Position 6 on the Eagle Point Historical Society Board of Directors. I'm currently on the board and I have the background to be an ideal candidate. I graduated from Eagle Point High School and Southern Oregon University, employed by Lithia Motors as Sr. Video Editor.

On the EPHS Board of Directors, I've been president and vice-president twice. My presidency oversaw a major shift in the board and I worked hard keeping the society alive. We healed ties in the community, brought the board back to legality with the Department of Justice and brought back volunteers to the society.

There isn't a place this organization can't go. I see more involvement and a stronger partnership with our great city in its future. With your vote, I can help to make this a reality.

Elizabeth Correthers, Position #6

"I have an avid interest in local history and genealogy. Although I am not from this area, I have lived in the Rogue Valley for over 10 years. In that time, as the valley has grown, so too has the importance of preserving the roots of local lore and what the pioneers have left us. I would be involved in making sure we keep history alive for all to enjoy and learn from." "I have been a genealogist for over 20 years and have been involved in compiling various histories and indexes for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Doing work like this makes one realize how valuable stories and histories really are. Let's keep preserving them for those who follow us".

Walter Wood's old chair? The old fella used to sit and watch travelers going by on the highway

Voting Instructions

Inside this newsletter you will find a ballot that contains the above names, listed by position. Beneath that name is a space for a write-in candidate if you choose to vote for someone else. Please vote for one candidate for each of the three positions. Ballots that are not clear as to your choice will unfortunately have to be voided.

Also on the ballot is a check-box for the by Laws revision. Please either mark the box labeled "yes" or the box labeled "no." the full text of the by laws is in this newsletter.

A simple majority of ballots cast will be necessary for the Board to declare a winner for each of the board positions and a majority of "yes" votes will be necessary to approve by laws changes.

Please study the candidates and by laws carefully before marking your ballot.

There is a pre-addressed envelope included with the ballot. Please enclose your ballot and seal, attach the proper stamp and mail it to arrive at the Historical Society by no later than 5 p. m. on August 15. Couples can use the same envelop, but both must sign the verification to be counted. Again, please read instructions carefully before voting.

Wood House

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Upper Rogue area. Last year, Carl Seyboldt, Kim Ragsdale, Theresa Schleigh, Thelma Ross and others showed their beautiful works. At the 2004 showing, artists were well pleased that so many came and most booked places for this year's event.

An important item has been added recently. The board voted during the June meeting to purchase a portable toilet so that facilities are available when events take place at the Wood House property. The unit was delivered to the site the week of June 27.

Wood House chairman Skip Geear and Ralph McKechnie will be installing a reader board inside the fence, near the covered patio area, explaining the history of the house and the steps in the reconstruction. The intent is to attract as much attention to the house as possible. The lease runs out in 2007 and several recent attempts to purchase the property have met with resistance from the owner. The Historical Society entered into a lease/ option agreement in 2001, and the owner has drug his heels, hoping to get more for the property than the Vernal pools are worth.

Greeting Cards

If you haven't been by the museum lately, it would be a good idea to stop and check out the new greeting cards. They were finished just in time for the events at the Wood House in May. At $2.50 each, they represent a pretty good savings while helping the Historical Society. Each gives a portion of the history of the Wood house and Antelope Creek Bridge on the back of the card. Stop by the museum to pick up the set of 6 for only $12.50.

So far, the leading seller is the "Prophetic Pear Tree" with a picture of the tree in bloom and the Wood House in the back. With the dog on the front lawn, artist Toni Woolsey says it gives the house that "lived in" look.

Different cards will be produced in the future and they are sure to become a collector's item, so get yours now.

Pear tree in bloom spring 2005

Dues reminder

Last year, the board of directors changed the due dates of members dues. Members will have some free membership, and the amount will depend on when you joined. For instance, a member paying a years dues in October of 2004 did not receive a dues notice until January of 2005. Those joining between the months of January and June, will have to pay dues again on July 1 of the year following the year they joined. Dues are important, they help to offset the cost of the newsletter. More importantly, they make members eligible for voting privileges. Members must have had more than 30 days of continuous membership to be entitled to vote. That means that dues must be paid before July 15 to count in the election on August 15. This could be especially important because of the ballot on the by Laws. Also, close votes shouldn't be swayed because of ballots being declared invalid. Please get your dues in as soon as possible. Make your vote count and help the Society by voting in the election.

Make certain your dues are current. Dues are currently $7.50 per year per individual, $12.50 for couples

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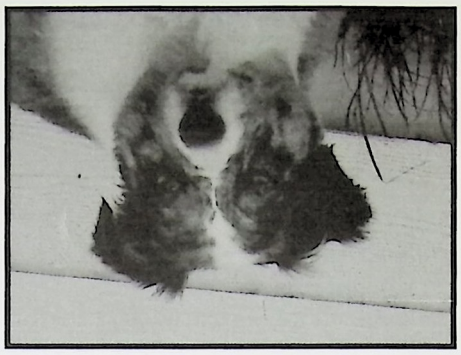

Stoney Sez: Make sure your vote counts

E. P. Mavericks 4-H Club installs new Antelope Cemetery fence as community service project.

Several members of the Eagle Point Mavericks 4-H club recently removed the tattered old fence at the front of the Antelope Cemetery and replaced it with new wrought iron fencing. About 20 club members were involved in the project. They received help from parents and a very handy post hole auger attached to a tractor.

Club members yearly make a project of cleanup at the site as part of their community service. They applied for grants and received a portion of the money needed for the project through that route. While waiting for funding, prices went through the roof, so they did what any resourceful club would do, they pleaded with suppliers to give them a break.

Annually, the Historical Society donates $100 to their pizza party for their efforts at cleaning up and preserving the heritage.

Important voting information included within this newsletter. Please read carefully before voting!

Barn Boards needed

Wood House Chairman, Skip Geear is putting out an urgent call for old barn wood or for an old shed approximately 10' x 12' to house the new riding mover. It was purchased to keep lawns mowedat both the Wood House and Museum.

If plans work out, he would like to partition the shed to store the mower and have a blacksmithing shop in the front section. An authentic looking old building would fit the bill really well.

The plan would be to concrete the portion away from the highway to house all the tools needed to keep the place in shape. Then the front could be used as a blacksmithing shop. Of course, then the search would be on for a forge anvil and other smithing tools.

Anyone with such a shed should contact Skip at 826-2177. Old barn boards would also be helpful so we can build a proper place for the tools.